

Commission on Uniform State Laws

Mission

The mission of the Commission on Uniform State Laws is to develop, promulgate, and encourage passage of statutes in West Virginia that are uniform and compatible with those of other states so as to avoid conflicts of law and to preempt federal legislation in as many areas as possible. The commission counsels and confers with the West Virginia Legislature and participates in a national conference.

Operations

The Commission on Uniform State Laws consists of three bipartisan members appointed by the Governor pursuant to the terms of W.Va. Code §29-1A-4. This commission works with similar commissions that serve each of the 50 states and the territorial possessions of the United States. Its members serve on drafting committees of the national conference, special and select committees of that body, and annually meet in a national conference to promulgate uniform laws that are made available to State legislative bodies.

Goals/Objectives

- Represent West Virginia at the annual meeting of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, participate in its deliberations and debate, and cast West Virginia's vote on proposed uniform acts.
- Throughout the year attend meetings of standing committees, drafting committees, and study committees of the national conference.
- Work with the West Virginia Joint Commission on Interstate Cooperation and other committees to promote uniform acts within our state.
- Maintain West Virginia's strong representation to the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws.

Performance Measures

In addition to service on the West Virginia Commission on Uniform State Laws, the commissioners serve on drafting and other committees of the national organization, the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws.

- ✓ Over the last several years, one commissioner has served as chair of the national legislative committee, chair of the scope and program committee, chair of the executive committee, and president of the national conference, an honor in the legal profession second only to that of president of the American Bar Association.
- ✓ Another commissioner has served as a member of the scope and program committee, has served on two drafting committees, chaired a review committee, and chaired a committee of the whole during conference deliberations.
- ✓ A third commissioner served has served as secretary of the national conference and member of the executive committee, has served 20 years as chair of the Atlantic Division of the legislative committee, serves on four other standing committees, and has served on numerous drafting committees.

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2003</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2004</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>2005</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2005</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>2007</u>
New acts promulgated by the national conference	8	3	N/A	4	5	4
Uniform acts recommended by the commission	6	3	N/A	3	4	3
Uniform acts introduced to the Legislature	7	3	N/A	5	N/A	2
Uniform acts enacted by the Legislature	2	0	N/A	1	N/A	1

Recommended Improvements

- ✓ Additional \$1,705 for routine operational costs.

Expenditures

	TOTAL FTE POSITIONS 11/30/2005	ACTUALS FY 2005	BUDGETED FY 2006	REQUESTED FY 2007	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION
EXPENDITURE BY PROGRAM					
Uniform State Laws	0.00	\$28,922	\$29,295	\$29,295	
Less: Reappropriated		0	0	0	
TOTAL BY PROGRAM	0.00	28,922	29,295	29,295	31,000
EXPENDITURE BY FUND					
General Fund					
FTE Positions		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Personal Services		0	0	0	0
Employee Benefits		0	0	0	0
Other Expenses		28,922	29,295	29,295	31,000
Less: Reappropriated		0	0	0	0
Subtotal: General Fund		28,922	29,295	29,295	31,000
Federal Fund					
FTE Positions		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Personal Services		0	0	0	0
Employee Benefits		0	0	0	0
Other Expenses		0	0	0	0
Subtotal: Federal Fund		0	0	0	0
Appropriated Special Fund					
FTE Positions		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Personal Services		0	0	0	0
Employee Benefits		0	0	0	0
Other Expenses		0	0	0	0
Less: Reappropriated		0	0	0	0
Subtotal: Appropriated Special Fund		0	0	0	0
Nonappropriated Special Fund					
FTE Positions		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Personal Services		0	0	0	0
Employee Benefits		0	0	0	0
Other Expenses		0	0	0	0
Subtotal: Nonappropriated Special Fund		0	0	0	0
TOTAL FTE POSITIONS BY FUND		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES BY FUND		\$28,922	\$29,295	\$29,295	\$31,000